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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Laurie Magid and Berks County District Attorney John T. Adams today announced the filing of an Indictment against Girson Ortega and Jose Delgado, charging that on July 22, 2008 they possessed in excess of 100 grams of crack cocaine with the intent to distribute and two loaded guns.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
Girson Ortega	Reading, Pennsylvania	24
Jose Delgado	Reading, Pennsylvania	20

The case was investigated by the Reading Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph A. LaBar and Special Assistant United States Attorney Jonathan Kurland. This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, a federal initiative to identify and prosecute firearm offenders in federal court, where the defendant is likely to receive a substantial sentence upon conviction. If convicted the defendants faces maximum possible sentences life in prison with a ten year mandatory minimum, an additional five year mandatory minimum consecutive to any other sentence imposed, five years to lifetime supervised release, a \$12,251,000 fine, and a \$600 special assessment.

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